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For : RELAY SERVER, RELAY SERVER SERVICE MANAGEMENT METHOD,
SERVICE PROVIDING SYSTEM AND PROGRAM

RESPONSE TO SECOND RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT, WITH TRAVERSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

ELECTION

In response to the Examiner's second restriction requirement dated March 18, 2010, in which the one month period for responding thereto runs to April 19, 2010 (April 18, 2010 being a Sunday), Applicant elects, with traverse, the invention identified by the Examiner as Group I, drawn to a relay server, and which includes claims 11-19 and 21-25.

TRAVERSE

According to M.P.E.P. §1893.03(d), when making a lack of unity of invention requirement, the Examiner must (1) list the different groups of claims and (2) explain why each group lacks unity with each other group (i.e., why there is no single general inventive concept) specifically describing the unique special technical feature in each group. Applicants submit that the Examiner has failed to specifically describe the unique special technical feature in each group to explain why each group lacks unity with each other group, as specified in requirement (2)